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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1850

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 2527

DEPT PASS AGRICULTURE

BEIRUT FOR AGATT PITCHER

ROME FODAG AND JOHN WEIDERT

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (BUTZ, EARL)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO SYRIA

REF: A. STATE 239617 (NOTAL BEIRUT)

B. STATE 239658 (NOTAL BEIRUT, ROME)

C. DAMASCUS 2505

1. REF B TRAVEL SCHEDULE CONSISTENT WITH REF C EXCEPT FOR
ETD CAIRO 1640 NOV 11, ETA DAMASCUS 1830 NOV 11. REFS
B AND C NO DOUBT CROSSED, BUT WE WISH TO REITERATE STRONG
DESIRABILITY OF DAYLIGHT 1600 TO 1620 LOCAL (1400Z TO
1420Z) ARRIVAL, WHICH IS REVISED ETA DAMASCUS AS INDICATED
TO US BY SECRETARY BUTZ' SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE JOHN
WEIDERT. PLEASE CONFIRM DAYLIGHT ARRIVAL IN DAMASCUS AS
REQUESTED REF C.

2. WE ARE TO RECEIVE PROPOSED MINISTRY AGRICULTURE
PROGRAM FOR SECRETARY AND PARTY NOV 3, WILL THEN REFIN
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AND SEND FINAL SCHEDULE BY COB LOCAL NOV 6, AS REQUESTED

REF A. TENTATIVE PROGRAM UNDER DISCUSSION BETWEEN EMBASSY
AND MINISTRIES AGRICULTURE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS AS FOLLOWS;
(ALL TIMES LOCAL):

NOVEMBER 11, MONDAY, 1600 TO 1620 DAYLIGHT ARRIVAL AT
DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; EVENING DINNER OR
RECEPTION HOSTED BY SARG OR EMBASSY (TO ALTERNATE HOSTINGS,
NOV 11 AND 12 EVENINGS).

NOVEMBER 12, TUESDAY, MORNING COURTESY CALLS; NO
OFFICIAL LUNCH; MRS. BUTZ, MRS. BROCK, MRS. MURPHY,
MRS. PITCHER ON SEPARATE PROGRAM. EARLY PM VISIT TO
EXPERIMENTAL CATTLE STATION 12 KMS FROM DAMASCUS. MID-
TO-LATE AFTERNOON FREE FOR DAMASCUS SIGHTSEEING. EVENING
DINNER OR RECEPTION HOSTED BY SARG OR EMBASSY.

NOVEMBER 13, WEDNESDAY, 1000 LOCAL DEPARTURE FOR
ROME.

3. PER REF A, WE AND AGATT PITCHER IN BEIRUT WILL BE
SENDING PROGRAM AND BACKGROUND CABLES TO DEPARTMENT, WITH
INFO TO AMEMBASSY ROME, ATTENTION FODAG FOR WEIDERT.
REQUEST DEPARTMENT AND OTHER ADDRESSES INFO AMEMBASSY
BEIRUT FOR ADMIN AND AGATT PITCHER ON ALL MESSAGES
DEALING WITH VISIT.
MURPHY

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